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Russ Edwards In House Race

In a statement released to the Peaks Island Times this week, W. Russell (Russ) Edwards, Jr., discussed his candidacy for the Legislature.

Edwards, a Democrat, was a member of the 102nd Legislature and was successful at that time in sponsoring a bill which provided the new car ferry landing on Peaks Island as well as a bill which provided for a \$2 registration fee for passenger cars used exclusively on certain islands. In addition, he chaired a committee which developed the concept for a new State Museum, Archives and Library and successfully sponsored legislation creating the new Maine State Cultural Building. Edwards also led an unsuccessful attempt to abolish the Maine Milk Commission and was successful in amending the original Portland Transit District bill to insure that the employees of the Portland Coach Co. would continue in their jobs.

Edwards, a former captain for Casco Bay Lines in the 1950s, has had a "deep interest in the Islands since that time."

In his statement, Edwards points out that "Although I was successful in sponsoring legislation for the Islands during the 102nd Legislature, I did not appreciate the uniqueness of the problems of islanders. I did not understand the special nature

of the island community until I became a resident of Peaks Island." "This is one of the major reasons why I decided to run for the Legislature again. The Islands need a voice in government." "They need someone to set the record straight when a politician reminds them that he only received three votes from the Islands in the last election or when a senator says 'That's their problem. They chose to live there.' or when a city official calls Islanders "chronic complainers."

When asked why he thought he could win inasmuch as elections have been controlled by mainland voters in the past and his opponent is an incumbent, Edwards offered the following.

"First, this is the smallest district islanders have ever been a part of. Therefore, our influence is that much greater. For example, in the last Democratic Primary a total of about 800 votes were cast in this district. Only 100 of them were from the Islands. Yet, there are over 500 registered Democrats and Independents on the Islands--more than enough to win--if they will all turn out and support an island candidate.

(Remember, Independent voters can vote in a primary by just asking to enroll at the Polls.)

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Secondly, my opponent finished 10th out of 10 in the last primary and general election. Finally, I am working hard to win. The response on the Hill as well as on the Islands has been warm and encouraging."

"If you want an islander to represent you in the Legislature, just take a few minutes on Tuesday, June 13th, and cast a vote for Russ Edwards."

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PEAKS ISLAND SCHOOL NEWS

CHESS TOURNAMENT-Monday afternoons all year, Bud Lester has given of his time and talent to organize and supervise a Chess Club. The tournament has been going for several weeks now and the three top prizes are almost all decided with 1st place to Josh Scandlen, Grade 2; 2nd place to Paul Gorham, Grade 3; 3rd place finals will be held soon among Torr Kelso, Grade 2, Ron Flash & Robert Deane, Grade 6.

BASBETBALL & CHEERLEADERS BANQUET

Tuesday, May 16th the school gym was transformed into a banquet facility. Fourteen families and invited guests totaled nearly 100 people. Mrs. Clemons, Acting Asst. Principal, presented awards of certificates and letters to the cheerleaders. Mr. Chuck Miranda, Coach presented awards to the boys. Many thanks to Mrs. Barbara Roberts, teacher aide, who helped tremendously in organizing this event, and to Meg Conley and her mother for the beautiful cake. Special thanks to the parents of those honored for their encouragement and support of the Peaks Island Gulls Basketball Team.

AMERICAN LEGION WRITING CONTEST

Students in Grade 6 have been writing this week on the theme of Americanism. They are participating in a writing contest sponsored by the American Legion #142 Randall-McVane Post. Peaks Island winners should be announced soon with first prize of a \$50. U.S. Savings Bond.

TUESDAY, May 23rd: Mr. Stokes, Principal and Mrs. Rossi, guidance Counselor for King, Jr. High School came out and spoke with our 6th graders as part of their preparation for seventh grade. Our students hope to attend a modified step-up day at King Jr. on the afternoon of June 2nd.

THURSDAY, MAY 25th: MR. Storer's class from Emerson School visited Peaks Island for the day. Ellen Klain of the recreation Dept. and students from Grades 3, 4, & 5 gave guided tours of the Island talking about historical & environmental facts.

FRIDAY, MAY 26th: King Jr. band under the direction of Mr. Wiener presented a 30 minute concert at the gym. Another band concert has been scheduled by Riverton Elementary School for June 5th.

FOURTH GRADERS will travel to Augusta with Mrs. Clemons on Friday, June 9th for tours of the State House, State Museum, Fort Western & the Blaine House.


UPCOMING BIG EVENTS Various class picnics, a field day, trips to the Island Library, award assemblies and a graduation ceremony for Grade 6 students.

JUNE 30th: Mr. Clyde Bartlett, Principal for the island schools and Asst. Supt. for the Portland Public Schools will retire from the field of education. We all wish him happiness in his future endeavors.

St. Christopher Bazaar will be held the last Saturday in July from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. There will be a luncheon served in the Parish Hall at noon. The chances are on 100. for the first prize, \$50. for the second, and \$25. for the third. Be sure to visit the trash and treasure table.

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PROTECTION

Unfortunately, it is part of human nature to wait until there has been a disaster, or near disaster, before there is preventive action taken, or so it seems. Notwithstanding, is the case of the recent series of fires here on Peaks Island. The voices that were raised from the island, in conjunction with the most recent fire on Welch Street, have caused the most activity down at the fire barn since they ripped out the flappers and went with a sound alarm system.

According to some of the first persons to report the Welch Street fire, there was a fair amount of time elapsed before the firemen responded to the fire. Once they did, the water pressure seemed to be too low to contain the fire and it began to spread. However, this possible conflagration did not occur and the firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze.

Since the fire the following has happened on Peaks:

The first inspection by any Portland fire chief ever.

The delivery of a near-new fire truck, which had been sitting on the mainland waiting for just such an incident to arise that would deem it necessary to transport, ramp or no ramp, the truck.

For two consecutive Sundays there has been a four hour training session with on-hands drill around Peaks, and training films for our call men.

In short, we have had a much improved, and much needed, interaction between the Portland Fire Department and our Engine # 12.

Have these events really aided Peaks Island in having better protection from disaster? To find out, two members of the Staff first interviewed Ralph Jackson, one of the island callmen. Next, we went over water to talk with Deputy-Chief Carleton E. Winslow of the Portland Fire Department. From the Fire Department, we went to the Public Safety Department to chat with Frank A. Amoroso, Director of Public Safety Department, and David Eldridge, Head of the Island Services Division.

In talking with Ralph, second in command of the callmen, we were informed that we are much better off now than before the last fire, but that there still exist problems which inhibit the firemen's performance of duty. Among the problems brought to our attention are: If the wind is blowing strong enough in any one direction, the only people guaranteed of hearing the present fire alarm system are those that live in the proximity of the fire barn. As a matter of fact, there is a calling party who live near the fire barn to ensure that those callmen living on the far edges of Peaks have heard the alarm. Portland feels that this situation does not require corrective action until the proposed fire house/community center is completed even if it takes over a year to construct the structure (This explains the tartiness of the response)!

In most areas of Peaks, the size of the hydrant mains are three and four inches in diameter, explaining the low water volume. Whereas in Portland regulations prohibit the use of hydrant pipes smaller than six inches. As far as this one goes, it has turned into a political ballgame between City Hall and the Portland Water District. It seems that years ago the City of Portland with the help of our taxes, paid for and installed the present hydrant system. In Portland,

the responsibility for the cost and installation of the hydrants falls under the PWD. The City of Portland wants the Water District(PWD) to take over these responsibilities on Peaks. But before PWD takes over this project, they want the regulation which prohibits the use of less than six inch pipe to be revoked.

Our almost new truck has a leak in the tank and cannot be used, although it has been promised that it will be fixed shortly.

So much for pointing the finger at Portland. For the Island we have problems that both the callmen and the Portland Fire Department agree on:

Very few of the streets are marked, and fewer houses are numbered. This situation has been brought up before, and been defeated. However, with all the great wealth of artistic talent that resides on this island, it seems an easy task to create a system of markings and numbers that would blend into the environment. For if by having a number on a house, or a street marked, the difference means saving a life or not, then the calm and beauty of the island is not lost but gained in the long run.

Most important of all complaints voiced by Ralph and others are the spectators.

KEEP AWAY FROM FIRES! Allow the firepersons to perform their job without interference. If you must see what is going on- try to keep the crowd a safe distance away.

In order to answer the question at the beginning of this article(Are we protected?), we must ask ourselves not what the firemen are going to do to protect us better, but rather are we ready to work along side of the fire fighters, or sit back and accept whatever happens?

HEALTH CENTER NEWS

CPR in July or August.
Please call the Health
Center (871-2901) to register.

Marge will be on vacation
June 7th through June 25. The
office will be open regular
hours except on Monday when
hours will be 12 noon to 7:00.
Roselyn Gallagher RN, FNA from
Family Practice will cover the
office which will be closed
on Wednesdays as usual. After
hours, call the Maine Medical
Center (871-0111), identify
yourself as an island resident
and ask for the Family Practice
Dr. on Call.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Marge will be on a much needed
leave of absence the month of
July. In as much as this is her
home community and she will be
spending part of the time on the
island enjoying the role of wife,
homemaker, mother, and grand-
mother, it is requested that
islanders respect her privacy.
Please do not approach her with
any medical problems--call
the Health Center during hours
and the Maine Medical Center
after hours. The office will
be covered on a 5 day basis
during July by Jane Coolidge
RN, FNA. Marge will be back
in August on a 5 day basis.

HEALTH CENTER NEWS

Summer is on the way and soon
our visitors will arrive. A
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surgical treatment to a minor
in the parents absence.

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or grandchild will become ill
or hurt and need treatment.
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PROGRESS REPORT ON NEW PEAKS ISLAND COMMUNITY BUILDING

On March 20, 1978 the Portland City Council named the following to be members of the Peaks Island Building Committee:

Matthew Barron, John Flynn, Theodore Warren,
Douglas MacVane, Roberta Deane, Paul Husted,
Raymond Herrick, William Dukes, Irene Schensted,
Edward DiMillo, William Lydon, and Harry Cummings.

The building committee held its first meeting at the Peaks Island school April 1, 1978. At this meeting the site location was unanimously voted on to be the present fire station and the little house next to it on the corner of Sterling Street. The general consensus of the committee is for housing public safety, public toilets, all purpose public rooms and a branch library. Mr. Cummings will prepare suggestions for architect engineer service for our next meeting.

The City has now completed a land survey on the property chosen. The City has an option on the little house and title search is now under way and purchase should be placed on the last council agenda in June.

The H.U.D. environmental clearance has been started and should be completed at this date.

On May 17, a meeting of the building committee was held at City Hall to choose an architect. Seven members attended and interviewed three architects that had shown interest in the project. 'Group Design Project' was chosen. This decision will be presented to the City Council at a June meeting. Due to scheduling architects, this meeting was held at city hall, but it is the wish of the committee that all other meetings be held on the island.

Target for construction start:

If all plans stay on schedule, the committee hopes to put the building under construction during September. This would permit the excavation and cement work to be finished while temperatures are still good. The Portland Pier work should be done by this time and that will help.

John J. Flynn

CONGRATULATIONS to Island S.M.V.T.I. graduates:

Mary McCann received her Associate degree as a Marine Biologist Technician.

Laurie Bemis completed a course in Water Waste Treatment.

George Alexander III (Grandson of Alberta & George Alexander) completed a course in Hotel Management & Restaurant Operation.

Thomas Whitcomb, Jr. (Grandson of Roy Whitcomb) completed a course in Law Enforcement Technology.

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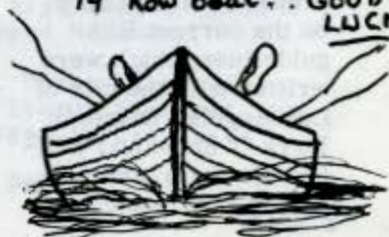
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Water Quality Again

The Peaks Island Water Quality Committee has written a report entitled "Toward A More Sensible Approach to Water Quality Planning on Peaks Island and in Other Rural Areas" which details its objections to the plans published in March by the Greater Portland Council of Governments (COG). Copies of this report and also the COG March plans are in the PI library.

This past week COG issued revised plans moving in the direction desired by the committee. Copies of the revised plans will also be in the library. COG will submit its revised plans to the Portland Planning Board on June 13. (Public commentary is invited at that time.) The revised COG plans together with our committee's comments will be placed on the agenda of the July Town Meeting for consideration of the island as a whole.

One notable revision is the recommendation that the City apply for a waiver of the secondary treatment requirement for Peaks, and seek permits for simpler treatment of the municipal discharges. To pave the way for this possibility, Michael Day,

John Whitman, and Remington O. Schmidt have labored long to prepare commentary on the current EPA guidelines, which were written with the city of Los Angeles in mind!! Jerry O'Brien and William Goodwin are preparing separate com-

mentary for the City for submission to the EPA. We hope the guidelines will be modified to enable a tiny residential ocean-side community to apply for a waiver without having to go through a battery of expensive tests for toxic materials such as is appropriate for a large industrial ocean-side community like Los Angeles.

Irene Schensted

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3. Soak 3 times a day in salt water.
4. Cover with bandaid.
5. Check tetanus shots--if 5-10 years since last one, get a shot.
6. Watch for signs of infection. Seek medical help if necessary.

TREFETHEN EVERGREEN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

is ready to start the summer in full swing in spite of the winter damage. Thanks to Ted Rand, Ed Casey and his crew, we have two new floats and the damage to the club has been repaired.

The club opens July 1st.

Ecumenical Vesper Services will continue on Sunday evenings at 7 pm and are opened to the public.

Senior Cabaret Dance will be July 15th.

Reception for New Members will be July 29th.

We wish all a wonderful and active summer for 1978.

PROTECTION CONT.

Because of our unique situation of being isolated from the nearest helping hand, we all have to share in the quest for better protection for our families and the island.

Next month, The TIMES will introduce the sixteen members of the newly formed Island Services Division of the Public Safety Department, and present their goals and aspirations concerning the protection of all the Casco Bay residents, not only in the vain of fire fighting, but also in police duties and emergency situations that arise on the island.

For the staff
I. Rene & T. Shane

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THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM
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ISLAND SEWAGE STUDY

TWO YEARS OF STUDY AND MORE STUDY RECOMMENDED

A two year study of wastewater problems of the Islands of the City of Portland was undertaken by the Greater Portland Council of Governments as a part of its area-wide water quality planning program financed by a Federal grant under Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

In order to start the study with public input, public hearings were held on Cliff, Long, Great, Little Diamond, and Peaks islands in July, 1976. The meetings were designed to inform the public of the planning program, to seek their assessment of problems and measure the general acceptability of some of the alternatives being considered. These hearings were attended by between 20 and 30 residents on each island, although the population of each island varies considerably.

With the limited public input given in the July 1976 hearings the COG study proceeded and a draft of a "Facilities Plan" was published in June 1977. This draft "Facilities Plan" generated considerable negative commentaries from the nearly 200 Peaks Island residents who attended the July 26, 1977 public hearing. In response to this public input the alternative systems presented were modified and recommendations were presented in the a Facilities Plan published in December, 1977. These modifications also generated much negative commentary, principally related to the Clean Water Act of 1977 signed into law shortly after the plan was published. Certain provisions of that law provide for less than the standard secondary treatment for discharges to deep ocean waters.

The underlying assumption in the COG facilities planning work for Peaks Island was that secondary treatment would be required for the public outfalls, as required by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Amendments of 1972 and subsequent regulations. Because of that assumption detailed studies of the complicated tidal receiving waters and their assimilative capacities for raw sewage were not performed.

Based on a simple comparison of the size of the current discharge and the size and nature of the tidal receiving waters, it was noted in the facility plan that the raw sewage discharge probably did not have an overall adverse impact on the receiving waters, except in the near shore area where fecal coliform bacteria concentrations may exceed the levels safe for swimming and harvesting shellfish.

The Peaks Island Water Quality Committee aided by the recent legislative trends has encouraged the City to seek a waiver from the requirement for secondary sewage treatment. The City and the COG water quality planners discussed this at some length and, as a result, the modified "Area-wide Water Quality Management Plan" recommends that the City apply for the secondary treatment waiver that is now available under the 1977 Clean Water Act. In addition, COG suggests that further facilities planning studies be undertaken. The modified area-wide plan is now being printed and copies should be available at the Peaks Island Branch Library (for those persons not on COG's mailing list) by the time this issue of the Peaks Island Times hits the newsstands.

SCHOOLBOY BASKETBALL

The first Annual School Sports Awards Dinner was held Tuesday, March 16, at the Peaks Island Elementary School gymnasium. Feted at the pot-luck supper were Coach Chuck Miranda's Peaks Island Gulls basketball team and the girls cheerleading squad.

In their first season with the Boys Club League, the Gulls pulled down three regular season wins over Cathlamet, Hall, and Reiche Schools, while losing a heartbreaker to North School in double overtime. The team savoted a come-back victory, however, as they defeated North in a tournament game held at the Peaks Island School.

Coach Miranda praised his entire team for their enthusiasm, noting that the boys played every game right to the buzzer, regardless of score.

Three special awards were handed out, but the coach mentioned that more than one player could easily have been chosen for two of the awards. Chris Alves, the third highest scorer for the team was selected as most improved player while Enid Willard grabbed the high scoring honors with 70 points. In the free-throw percentage category 2 hoopers were tied at the 50% mark. Chris Morrill was awarded the #1 spot, completing 18 out of 36, followed by Ron Flash who went 6 for 12 from the foul line.

The basketball program started last year by Chuck Miranda is drawing well deserved praise from those involved with the games, including a few rival coaches. The team's strong performance toward the end of the season was an obvious payoff for the emphasis placed on practicing the basic fundamentals. "These kids were making plays that teams in junior high league haven't made" quipped Miranda.

Last year, Peaks wasn't involved in league play but the coach managed to negotiate a

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TOWN MEETING ' 1978

Bound by a shared sense of frustration at the lack of ability to have knowledge & input into matters that affect our island lives, a study group, under the leadership of Rob Tiffany, worked through the winter months to outline the problems & design a means to solve them. A townmeeting, the first held on Peaks Island in many years, was the result of these efforts.

On March 19, 1978, we met, eighty strong to share information, confront issues, reach consensus and take action. The response and enthusiasm generated was viewed as a resounding success by those of us who had done so much work on the design and organization.

The concept of townmeetings was unanimously adopted as a vehicle to continue our activity- both with the City Council and among ourselves. A committee of 14 people was elected to serve until Dec., 1978, charged with the responsibility of assembling, organizing, and publicizing future townmeetings as well as to represent opinions and decisions made, to carry out the work of the Town Meeting and directly authorized by a T.M. vote. Additionally, the group was charged to set up a process for election of an on-going **Town Meeting Committee.**

Red Flynn, Chairman of the Public Safety Building Committee reported that a majority of his committee, after an indepth survey of islands needs, recommended that with the \$240,000 allotted, we adapt the current fire station for other public use and build a new building to house the fire equipment and secure as a Community Center the adjoining lot. An update at the May 21st Town Meeting reveals a group of 11 islanders with Flynn as Chairman that have been accepted by the City Council to work with Councilor Matt Barron. An architect has been selected and work is in progress to purchase the property adjoining the fire barn.

Irene Schensted reported on the work of a multitude of islanders who have spent long hours dealing with the provisions of the Clean Water Act of 1977, which mandates requirements for sewage and waste treatment. Originally COG had pains to require the islands to treat waste in the same manner as the City that is with a multimillion dollar secondary treatment facility with all island buildings "hooked into" a "sewer line." A waiver in the Act allows certain communities surrounded by ocean waters where there is no danger of ecological unbalancing, to apply for permission to have only primary treatment of sewage. The group is involved in work to apply for such a waiver. The group is also opposed to a COG proposal that a lot-by-lot stress test of existing waste treatment systems on the island be preformed and suggests rather that money and energy focus on testing of waters surrounding the island as well as advocating and counseling island residents on the correct and safe use of their own particular systems. The T.M. voted unanimously to recognize this group as an official group for issues realting to water quality. Ray Herrick relayed information on the progress of the Portland Transfer Bridge. It has been proposed that the current pier be renovated to hold 20 tons and be built so it would be portable in the event future plans call for a change of location for the ramp. He reported that work is slated to begin this summer.

CBIDA requested input from the Peaks Island citizens on the

PEAKS ISLAND LIBRARY

This summer as soon as school lets out, we will begin our summer program. The theme will be Space and Star Wars. To encourage reading, boys and girls will be given star charts which will take them through the galaxy with each book they read...extra credit will be given to a child if a parent reads to them or if a child reads to the parents. So parents, come to the library with a child and give them a good start.

The Peaks Library will be starting its summer hours June 12. Saturdays we will be closed. Our new hours starting June 12 will be:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
and Friday 10 - 6

Wednesday 10 - 9

Saturday closed

This will only be for the summer. A children's day with stories and films is being planned for Fridays. We also have some good books to be read now. Some books about the sea, The Brendan Voyage by Timothy Severin, and The Lone Voyager by Joseph Garland. A mystery by Dorothy Uhnak, The Investigation and a moving story about the 60's Loose Change by Sara Davidson.

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HOWEVER, LUCK DOES EXIST IN CHESS, AND IF THERE'S NOT A HUGE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN YOUR STRENGTH AND THE STRENGTH OF YOUR OPPONENT, YOU DO HAVE A CHANCE. YOU WON'T BEAT A STRONGER PLAYER IN A LONG MATCH, BUT YOU CAN TAKE A GAME OR TWO ON BREAKS ALONE.

CHESS IS COMPLICATED ENOUGH SO THAT DOZENS OF DIFFERENT IDEAS AND MANEUVERS COME INTO PLAY ON ALMOST EVERY MOVE. THREADING YOUR WAY AMONG THESE TO SORT OUT THE BEST IS TRICKY, AND IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE FOR EVEN A STRONG PLAYER TO OVERLOOK SOMETHING SIMPLE. IF HE OVERLOOKS IT AND YOU SEE IT, HE MAY GET MATED OR LOSE A LARGE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL. YOU WERE LUCKY HE DIDN'T SEE IT, SINCE CERTAINLY HE WAS CAPABLE OF SEEING IT.

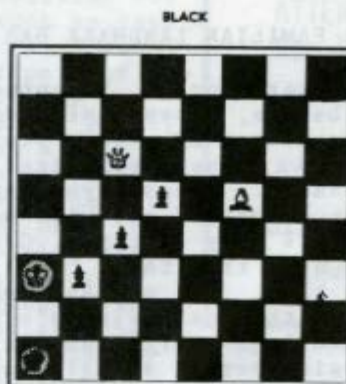
YOU MAY BE VERY FAMILIAR WITH SOME OPENINGS AND AT A COMPLETE LOSS IN OTHERS. IF YOUR OPPONENT CHOOSES AN OPENING IN WHICH YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE AND PLAY WELL, AGAIN YOU'VE BEEN LUCKY, PARTICULARLY SINCE MOST STRONG PLAYERS WILL KNOW MANY OPENINGS BETTER THAN YOU DO.

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ARE YOU GOOD ENOUGH TO SOLVE OUR CHESS PROBLEM? WHITE OT TO PLAY AND MATE IN TWO, NO MATTER WHAT BLACK DOES.

BUD LESTER



CHURCH NEWS

St. Christopher Trading Post opened Saturday, May 27th. This year the Post will carry a complete new line of crafts, needlework, crocheted items along with knitted dolls, ceramics, etc. A new feature this season will be a special corner for children with grabs, and items that youngsters will be able to purchase. Almost anything you need you can find in this shop. We are grateful at this point to all who made donations of gifts etc. to the post.

The Women's Council of St. Christopher church held their Annual Membership Dinner at Woodbury's Dairy Bar. At this meeting a gift was presented to the President, Frances Palmer, who worked with the council for two years and resigned due to the fact that she was moving to Portland but promised support to the women of the council. All are grateful to Frances for a job well done.

On July 9th at St. Joseph Convent an outdoor Mass will be celebrated by Father Burns in honor of the Golden Jubilee of Sister Rita, a former member of the community. There will be organ selections as well as violin and vocal numbers. All Sister Rita's friends are expected to attend the celebration which will be followed by a luncheon to meet Father Burns.

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JONES WHARF: A FAMILIAR LANDMARK HAS CHANGED ITS FACE

Nostalgia is the word for it. Returning to Peaks Island after a brief absence, a sense of sadness comes over one at the physical changes by winter storms. The backshore road has washouts. Summer Residences and lobster shacks have suffered damage. Trees have been felled by strong winds. But missed most of all will be our familiar wharfs and piers. Boaters rely on them. Grandfathers fish on them. Children dive from them. Artists paint them. Everyone misses them. But one has been able to stand up staunchly against this past winter's treacherous storms. Her face is brutally battered, and artists will no longer be able to paint her as she silhouetted against a flaming sunset nor through silvery fog. Old Jones Wharf still valiantly stands however, much like the pioneering spirit that keeps old-time islanders, and many a newcomer too, from leaving their place called "home" no matter how bad the weather or how violent the sea may become.

As the Rebel slid silently over the now tranquil harbor into its berth at the new auto ferry wharf, the writer recalls with a shiver of apprehension that only a few years ago it was preferable to get out of the car and walk up the aging planks that formed the Old Jones Wharf ramp. Finally in June of 1966 a new car ferry pier replaced the old landmark with much jubilation and a parade of city officials and a speech by the then current Governor John H. Reed. However the old wharf still proudly stood nearby and greeted every nostalgic islander with her head held high until the destructive Nor'easters of '78 finally changed her image. It will present a different picture for the artists to paint- but paint her they will! For Jones Wharf has long been "Motif Number One"!

For curiosity the writer decided to do some research on the old pier. Where did it get its name? Who was this man, JONES, -a name so common in telephone directories from coast to coast? It was no surprise that he was found to be as stalwart as his namesake.

William T. Jones was an orphan born about the year 1817. He ran away from home in Portsmouth, walking all the way to Boston at an early age of fourteen to seek his fortune. he was lucky to find a job at a tavern frequented by sailors, and it was here that young Jones met Captain John Brackett, Jr., who immediately took a fancy to the boy. A short time later in 1832 he sailed to Portland with Captain Brackett, who was a well-known descendant of one of Peaks original settlers. In Portland, Jones learned a cooper's trade, a thriving business in the days of tall ships. He visited Peaks and decided to set up a shop here. In 1840 he courted and married Almira Welch, a granddaughter of John Brackett, but their marriage was tragic as the bride died at the age of twenty-two. The young man's despondency was cured however by the charms of the local schoolteacher, Eliza Chamberlain, who came from Portland to teach the island children. They were married in 1848. They had five children of their own: three boys and two girls.

As the days of sailing waned, Mr. Jones altered his coopers shop into a restaurant. He was so successful in his new enterprise that he and his wife enlarged their building into an inn, called the "Union House." It housed and entertained visitors for years until destroyed by the great fire on Peaks in 1918.

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TOWN MEETING CONT.

future of Battery Steele. At the March 19th T.M. it was voted to suggest the land be left "public, open, supervised and not developed. Following the first townmeeting, the t.m. committee chaired by Ted Warren, broke into 5 working committees: By-Laws (since renamed Town Meeting Articles), Public Safety, Transportation, Water Quality and Needs & Services. The Public Safety committee in response to a growing concern about the rash of fires, took direct action in support of the Island Callmen. Through their effort of letters to five officials and the press citing faulty and non-existent equipment, a meeting was held between Chief McDonough and 4 fire department lieutenants, the callmen and many interested islanders. Equipment problems, a need for training and the coming transition to Public Safety personnel serving the island were the focus of the meeting. Lines of communication were opened and we islanders owe special thanks to John Mazza and Steve Peterson as well as the other 12 callmen for their work, their concern and their involvement. A special TownMeeting slated for May 21st was to deal with the proposed T.M. articles (by-laws). However, due to a problem with printing, copies were not available until just prior to the meeting. In order to involve as many people as possible

JONES WHARF CONT.

Jones constantly improved his small wharf, as he was interested in establishing regular steamship routes to Portland for freight and passengers. He was one of the original founders of the Island Steamship Company. He also became interested in shipbuilding, and built an island steamer called "The Express" in 1871, which called regularly on all the islands in Casco Bay.

Jones was no stranger to winter's icy blasts. His records mention that the year 1845 was a real chiller. On 2/15/1845 the harbor between Peaks and Portland was completely frozen. The ice was so thick and hard that he and his wife crossed to the city and back to do their shopping on a sleigh pulled by a team of horses.

William was an orphan boy who made good in the early days of Peaks. He worked and lived until the year 1880 when he died at the age of sixth-two. He was so well-liked in the community that both Jones Lnaing and Jones Wharf are named after him. Indeed he seems to have been as steadfast and stalwart as the old pier that bears his name!

MARION C. LITCHFIELD

sible and with a decision not to "push through" such an important item, it was voted to temporarily accept part of the Articles until July. Reports were presented by all the committees with a motion carried to endorse the efforts of the Public Safety Committee; to establish a sign near the ferry landing informing the people that the Maine State leash law is enforced on the island; there be established hours for the dump to better police it and clean it up. The next Town Meeting will be held in July at 2pm at the Peaks Island School. A partial agenda will include presentation of the T.M. Articles for acceptance and follow-up on Public Safety issues. The Town Meeting concept will work only if Island citizens are involved.

An open public meeting will be held Wednesday, June at 7 pm at the Fifth Maine Regiment to discuss and revise the T.M. Articles. Those unable to attend are urged to make written suggestions and comments and forward them to Jill Tiffany, Centennial Ave, 766-2875. There will be copies of the Articles at the P.I. Library.

JILL TIFFANY

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SEWER STUDY CONT.

The plan will be publicly discussed by both the City Council and the City Planning Board soon. The Planning Board will hold two public hearings on Tuesday, June 13, 1978. The first is scheduled to begin at 3:30pm to accommodate residents of the islands down the Bay who must take the 5:30 boat home. The second hearing will begin at 7:00pm for those working people who can catch the 8:00, 9:00, or 10:00pm boat to Peaks. The Planning Board hearings will be held in Room 209 of City Hall. No dates have been set for the City Council hearings.

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TO THE EDITOR:

While it's not easy these days to tell about such things, perhaps the most difficult and thankless of all tasks is that of forging political harmony where none has existed before, especially if the task is undertaken in an atmosphere as disordered and contentious as can be found occasionally around those of us living on Peaks Island. The difficulty results from the fact that our island is populated with rather vigorous, opinionated individuals, each of whom has a particular way of perceiving our common problems with corresponding "best" solutions, and of advocating various courses of action intended to yield those solutions.

While some idealized goal may well be held in common, it is likely that the alternating confusion and blending of ideas associated with the complex interplay of issues, solutions, and methods during periods of discussion will strongly frustrate those who seek quick and easy answers.

It has been said that the "best" way is perhaps the most difficult, if all the many parts which can be chosen in human affairs. Frequently, this "best" path may be rendered difficult by a tendency to be obscure or fundamental in nature. There may even be a presumption that complex problems demand complex responses. Such, is the case with the evolution of the Town Meeting concept on Peaks Island. There are those who feel that a rigorously structured political organization is necessary to contend with the many important social issues confronting this island and people everywhere. Perhaps so. But much more than such a mechanical contrivance perhaps what is needed is a concerted effort to involve all the people. Only if such an effort can be realized, in such a way as to

highlight our common bonds, can the Town Meeting hope to achieve a level of positive and real impart without the danger of becoming either an elitist or any other minority group.

Particularly in this tender yet crucial stage of its development, the town meeting must be built slowly and carefully so as to appeal to more- not fewer people. Surely this is the first step. Once solidly established, the "Town" then can choose for itself how rapidly and in what direction it is to grow.

None of us, regardless of our opinion of the Town Meeting formation, should be disappointed at the slow process of development. For, after all, political consciousness is raised and brought to fruition neither swiftly nor casually. Already many very difficult steps have been taken, boldly and primarily in the right direction. All of us owe a great deal of thanks for this to those who worked so hard in this exciting venture. But the most difficult steps- the most crucial challenges- have not yet been taken, for the Town Meeting concept must capture our interest and inspire everyone to participate in its future. These most difficult tasks are also the most exciting of all. Each one brings with it a renewed promise that the Town Meeting can work here.

We islanders take pride in hanging together when the going gets rough. The next few months are certain to provide a good test of our will. The stakes are high, and they range from education to transportation, from fire protection to water quality, and further. If we all participate, we surely will have everything to gain. Such a deal must be worth it.

STEVE ROBERTS.

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Bette Howland, a year-round resident is one of Maine's two recipients this year of a Guggenheim Fellowship. Mrs. Howland will spend her fellowship year working on a new novel. Her previous books, W-3 (Viking Press) and Blue in Chicago, published earlier this year by Harper & Row, received national acclaim and have been praised by among others, Nobel Laureate Saul Bellow. Mrs. Howland discovered Peaks when she and her two sons came out for a day to hike while visiting in the Portland area. She says she likes the winter especially, but finds the island beautiful in all seasons. "But I don't have to tell people that it is a rare and even unique place," she says. She feels that islanders are also unique; they have a sense of their own privacy and that of others, and yet form a genuine and supportive community. Bette's Howland latest book, Blue in Chicago, can be purchased at any bookstore in the Portland vicinity, or be had at the Public Library.

SPORTS CONT.

few pick-up games with teams from uptown. This year they broke into the big-time with the Boys Club League. The Gulls have their work cut out for them next year with only one returning letterman, Frank Smith. Luckily, Coach Miranda has instituted intramural basketball among the younger students at Peaks and he hopes to fill in his team from this source.

It was brought to the attention of the faculty that the many years of basketball played by the Peaks Island School have been lost because no effort was made to preserve news articles, trophies and other mementos. To ensure that this neglect isn't repeated, John Coyne will build a trophy case for the school.

Those players receiving their letters were:

Chris Alves	RonnFlash
Steven Callow	Joseph Galope
Philip Daigle	Chris Morrill
Robert Dean	Frank Smith
Joseph Falconieri	Enid Willard

Ann Clements, acting at the school offered special thanks to the cheerleaders, their coaches, and the parents of all of the above for their support of the team at this years games.

Receiving awards were coaches, Meg Conley and Jeannie Alves as well as the girls on the squad: Karen Tuttle, Captain
Beth Warren, Co-Captain
Kimberly Jackson, Alternate
Pamela Callow
Mary Willard
Beth Faulker
Francine Alves
Heather Smith

SOFTBALL

Here's an update of the games played by the Peaks Island All-star team this year:

4/9/78 The season's opener was played against Colonial Supply Co. of Portland. Peaks took charge easily and held on to the 12-8 victory.

4/30/78 In the week preceding the game between Casco Bay Lines and Peaks Island, it was clear that everybody was "up" for the match. CBL, however, was up much too soon for the contest. Antic-

ipating victory, they started celebrating the night before and when the dust cleared in the seventh inning, Peaks Allstars were on the heavy end of a laughter winning 30-3. I'm sure we haven't heard the last of this team and so, the gauntlet is down.

5/7/78 In their second trip to the island this season, Colonial seemed much more prepared for softball. Although Peaks won the game 10-7, it could have gone to either team right down to the wire.

5/14/78 Billy Pearson brought some of his teammates from the Deering High School Baseball team to the island for some alleged "batting practice." Like most teams that travel over here to play, they had a preconceived notion as to our ability. The Allstars won 4-1 and then the

Deering team played a Peaks Island pick-up team. More than a little embarrassing to a few all-stars(myself included) was the fact that we beat the Deering team, the Deering team beat the pick-up team, and then the pick-up team had the audacity to beat the allstars. Oh well, so it goes on a sunny Sunday on Peaks!

Just remember sports fans, if you can't be a sport, wear a sports shirt.

DAN HOGAN

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PHOTO LEON CLOUGH

A big thanks to the residents of Peaks Island nad the summer residents who patronized the P.I. Taxi while we were in operation.

The things that are missed mostly, are that we don't see you folks as much and Clare misses the familiar voices on the phone. We feel that alot of friends were made since then and hopefully you people feel the same.

Sure do miss all the people who hit me with their pocketbooks; said the wrong name to a person, she had a cane; few said they weren't going to pay; and I loved every minute of it...lots more but this is our way of saying: A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!

To the gentle man & his family who took over, we wish them all the very best. We know that they will serve you as well if not better then we tried to do.

One word of caution: Count your change when "Guy" Charlie Trynor is driving(HA HA!).

GOOD LUCK, CHARLIE.

Lenny & Clare Waugh



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